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In Re.: Sundara Murugan

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Subject: Method and Apparatus for Implementing Automatic Protection Switching  
Functionality in a Distributed Processor Data Router

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136**

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month(s) to respond to the office letter mailed in the above-referenced case on 10/11/2005, for which a 3-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on 01/11/2006. This requested extension extends the time for response to 02/11/2006.

- The petitioner is an established small entity.
- A check for \$60.00 is enclosed for the extension fee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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